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Corrections News

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McKenzie-Blevins Chosen as Department June Employee of the Month

Sharyl McKenzie-Blevins has been selected as the Missouri Department of Corrections Employee of the Month for June 2007. McKenzie-Blevins is employed as a Human Relations Officer I at Central Office in Jefferson City. As the Department's Officer I Hiring Coordinator, McKenzie-Blevins examined ways to improve the hiring process for corrections officers. She also looked for ways to improve the Corrections Officer I computer program, initiating a request that was approved by the Technology Steering Committee to program a new process for Corrections Officer I hiring.

"When completed this will not only benefit the staff who works with the system, but also the applicants the Department communicates with," Corrections Department Director Larry Crawford wrote in a letter to McKenzie-Blevins. He also stated, "You have worked on developing a new Department of Corrections application for all corrections officers eliminating the need for two different applications. This new application will benefit all applicants and the department's screening process."

Crawford also praised McKenzie-Blevins for assisting with job fairs, and for serving on the departmental Job Task Analysis Implementation Team for corrections officers and on the CO1 Certification Team. McKenzie-Blevins also participated as an agency planner for the State Employee Recognition Day event.

McKenzie-Blevins has been employed with the Department of Corrections for more than 11 years and lives in Jefferson City.

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